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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/05/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/28/02
BRO-FRY	161,681	162,159
LT HENS	2,062	1,996
HVY HENS	1,678	1,611

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	314	0	314
LAST WEEK	267	13	280
SAME WK YR AGO	267	0	267
TO DATE 2002	12,015	257	12,272
TO DATE 2001	16,819	247	17,066

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,146	1,556	3,702
LAST WEEK	2,118	1,685	3,803
SAME WK YR AGO	2,204	1,403	3,607
TO DATE 2002	80,366	54,719	135,085
TO DATE 2001	86,096	54,127	140,223

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 28-SEP-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,307 (A)	1,832	1,556	3,388
AVG WT	5.09	3.32	7.81	5.38
LAST WEEK	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523
SAME WEEK YR AGO	160,610	1,937	1,403	3,340
AVG WT	5.01	3.40	8.26	5.44
TO-DATE/2002	6,057,898	68,351	54,462	122,813
TO-DATE/2001	6,002,529	69,277	53,880	123,157

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING September 21, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	25,551	20,798	52,410
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.81	6.06
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	21%	53%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	16,709	15,704	24,139
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.77	6.37
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	28%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,545	26,026	42,636
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.76	6.02
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	26%	43%
TO DATE/2002	995,279	845,944	1,580,400
TO DATE/2001	1,214,839	1,050,089	1,641,686

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,939	2,915	73	14	4,941
AVG WT	15.20	34.00	25.17	30.89	26.48
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,002	2,974	73	17	5,066
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,975	3,150	45	0	5,170
AVG WT	15.43	32.18	24.70	0.00	25.82
TO-DATE/2002	72,004	106,211	2,056	324	180,595
TO-DATE/2001	78,059	106,684	1,711	429	186,883

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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